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notice. The first evident finding from the evidence of the essays is the universal agreement upon the efficacy and the privilege of prayer. It fills a definite part in the lives of a great number of men and women who are not in agreement either concerning the character of God which lies behind the act of prayer. Five kinds of prayer seem to be indicated: adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, and intercession. The problem of unanswered prayer is taken up and the whole difficulty faced; but it seems to be agreed that prayer is answered. The quality of the essay by Dr. McComb warrants the decision of the readers in his favor. This book is the most voluminous and satisfactory study of the subject that we know and will be gratefully received by many who have been wrestling with the problem of prayer since the Great War has thrown it so prominently into relief.

**Jesus the Master Teacher.** By Herman Harrell Horne. New York: Association Press, 1920. Pp. xii+212. \$2.00.

In announcing this book the Association Press says, "One of the most significant books the Press has published this year." We agree with them. It is designed as a textbook; it uses the inductive method. There are twenty-seven chapters. The various aspects of the teaching work of Jesus are taken up and the questions, the suggestions for discussion, the propositions for further study, are all done with the technical skill of which Professor Horne is master. He has used the material in classes and discussion groups and therefore it is all well tested. The range of the discussions is wide, covering all aspects of the teaching method of Jesus. There is an admirable summary of the whole study in the final chapter. The book will be useful in classes and there could hardly be a more profitable guide for individual use. Every minister who will work through this material will find himself enriched in every way for his work as preacher and pastor. It is one of the most suggestive and useful books of its kind that ever has been prepared. It bears the mark of careful study in every detail. It is concerned with the greatest of teachers and it is by a teacher of unusual skill and insight.

**David Otis Mears. An Autobiography. 1842-1893.** Memoir and Notes by H. A. Davidson. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. xix+249. \$1.50.

Dr. Mears was a minister of the Congregational and Presbyterian church, who lived from 1842 to 1915 and whose life was filled with useful labor and happy experiences. Nine chapters of this biography were written by

him; five have been added by the editor. As a piece of agreeable autobiography the pages by Dr. Mears are unusually interesting. The editor is naturally enthusiastic about his subject; but he is not fulsome. This is a fine sketch of a man who saw and loved many friends, invested his life well and was throughout a good minister in a world of changing ideas and strenuous tests.

**Four Hitherto Unpublished Gospels.** By William E. Barton. New York: Doran, 1920. Pp. 149.

Any misunderstanding which might easily arise concerning the contents and character of this book is immediately removed by the subtitle, which explains that these are four "character studies cast in the form of personal memoirs of *John the Baptist*, *Andrew the Brother of Simon Peter*, *Judas Iscariot*, and *James the Brother of Jesus*." Dr. Barton gave these "gospels" before his own church in Oak Park, Illinois, during the Lent of 1920. They are characterized by his clear and interesting style. There are paragraphs in which these imagined writers speak so transparently in the language of the writer that one can almost hear the modern preacher in the ancient narrator. But this is inevitable. In general Dr. Barton's touch is accurate and delicate. There are vivid sentences as when Judas Iscariot described the disciples from the hated province as "those Galileans who smell of fish." The treatment of the purposes of Judas Iscariot in the betrayal is a familiar one. He is made to do the shameful deed out of a mistaken idea that he could thus make Jesus bold enough to show his power and therefore realize the national longings that stirred the heart of the loyal Judean. As a piece of interpretation by the imagination the studies are exceedingly interesting.

**The Eyes of Faith.** By Lynn Harold Hough. New York: Abingdon Press, 1920. Pp. 223. \$1.50.

In the delightful style and marked by the keen insight of Dr. Hough, we have here 42 brief papers on various aspects of ethics and religion. They present in many aspects the Christian view of life. They are unified by the religious experience out of which they grow. The best way to estimate the worth of the material gathered in the papers is to taste such a paragraph as this: "The evangelical note is the deepest note in the Christian religion. The man who has really found his structural incapacity to organize the forces of his own life into harmony and inner sincerity and outer potency of activity; the man who has discovered the power of that vital personality of imperial